RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – April 15, 2021

Caller Questions from April 8, 2021

1. Dennis from Coventry: Said Sandy Bottom Road Bridge has been tied up for a year and ½ and the job doesn't appear to be moving

Contrary to what Dennis mentioned, the job is on time and on budget. It started up again this week after a winter shutdown period. We are scheduled to shift all traffic to the new bridge this summer/early fall when we'll work on the next half of the bridge. Project completion is targeted in summer 2023.

2. Eric from Warwick: Reported the last light pole, with the high-pressure sodium light, is on all the time at the Route 37 East off ramp to Post Road South right next to the cemetery in Warwick

Our Maintenance electricians diagnosed and fixed the issue the day of the show. They replaced the old and failed high-pressure sodium fixture with a new LED one.

3. Bill from Bristol: Said lights are not synchronized on Route 136 South right by McDonald's in Warren

These two traffic signals on Route 136 South at Laurel Lane and Seymour Street are synchronized but there is a slight delay between the two to allow traffic to clear both signals rather than getting stuck in the middle of the intersection.

In the next few weeks, as a safety measure, we plan to add visors to the second signal so it's not visible until motorists get through the first signal. This will help clear up any confusion that may exist today.

Caller Questions from Previous Shows

1. Eric from Warwick: Reported issues with the pedestrian signal on Post Road at Cosmic Pizza in Warwick

Our Maintenance electricians found and repaired an issue with the pedestrian button so it is now operating correctly.

2. Mark and Greg from Warwick: Both reported traffic signal issues on Route 117 (Centerville Road) in Warwick

The traffic signals loops at the off-ramp from I-95 North to Route 117 (Centerville Road) were impacted during paving operations for our Centerville Road Bridge replacement project. Our contractor plans to repair this signal by the end of next week.

As for the signal on Route 117 at Diamond Hill Road, neither our electricians nor traffic engineers found anything to warrant repairs at this location. We will continue to keep an eye on the signal for any similar issues.

3. Rick from Pawtucket: Said the traffic signal never works from Mendon Road to I-295 North in Cumberland

Our Traffic engineers found and repaired an electronic issue with one of the traffic signal loops so the signal is working again as designed.

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